

8 January 1953

The Honorable  
The Secretary of the Interior  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

In July, 1952, representatives of this Agency explored with the National Park Service a proposal to relocate the fence at the rear of Temporary I, J, K, and L Buildings for the purposes of improving security and safety, reducing guard costs, and, at the same time, providing approximately 100 additional and much needed parking spaces.

The cost of moving the fence closer to the rear of the Buildings, including related items of relocating lights and surfacing the parking area, would be approximately \$14,000. The new arrangement would permit three guard posts, which are now manned 24 hours a day, to be manned only 8 hours a day, resulting in an annual saving of approximately \$30,000. This saving would offset the cost of relocating the fence and related items in approximately 6 months and would be a continued annual saving thereafter. Movement of the fence would also increase the effective width of the roadway which, after surfacing, would permit parking on both sides.

Earlier discussions indicated the probability of favorable action on our request. However, we are now in receipt of a letter from Mr. Harry T. Thompson, Associate Superintendent of National Capital Parks, which advises that under Sections (a) and (b), Article I, of a Memorandum to All Field Offices from the Acting Director, National Park Service, dated 11 January 1951, approval of the Secretary of the Interior or of the Congress is required.

Inasmuch as the action which we propose would neither interfere further with the normal use of the area nor be detrimental to its appearance, your approval is requested.

Sincerely,

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Walter Reid Wolf  
Deputy Director

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for Mr. Secretary, Dept of Interior,

w/map of proposed parking area.